

Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee

Minutes- **DRAFT**

Regular Quarterly Meeting – May 9, 2014

Attendance and Determination of Quorum: Quorum met

Members: Present: Debe Fults, Lynn DelaMer, Marguerite Roche, Nancy Sorrentino and Rachel Wright

Absent:

Regional Advocate: Kevin Paluszak

Guest: Pathways Counseling Service requesting affiliation did not attend

Affiliates:

Present: Dominion Day, Family Counseling Center for Recovery, Family Preservation Services (Fredericksburg + Fairfax), Family Solutions, Heritage House, Intercept (Richmond + Frederick House), National Counseling Group, PEOPLE, Ray of Hope, Restorative Youth Services, and Wall Residences.

Absent: Global Behavior Therapy Associates and Orlando's Place

Starting of the Meeting / Review of Agenda: Chair Nancy Sorrentino called the meeting to order at 9:30am; sign-in sheet distributed; agenda reviewed with addition of National Counseling Group – expanding services in Northern Virginia to include Crisis Stabilization.

Reading/Approval of old Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Debe Fults, seconded by Rachel Wright; motion carried to approve minutes from February 2014 meeting.

Public Comment: none

Affiliate Reports: Christine Heit announced that quarterly and annual reports from all affiliates. Each affiliate representative present provided a brief overview of the quarter's activity. Dru-Ann Sgarlato with Family Solutions announced upcoming Human Rights training.

New Business:

1. Pathways Counseling Services had provided LHRC committee members with program and human rights materials to preview as part of their request for committee affiliation. However, no one attended.
2. Wall Residences requested renewal of mechanical restraints/medical devices for 2 clients – referred to closed session for client confidentiality. Request for inclusion of 4 new homes: Deborah Key-Taylor, Brenda McCall, Vicki Short and Wanda Abualzalaf.
3. National Counseling Group announced they are providing crisis stabilization services in the northern Virginia area, and hope to eventually expand to the greater Fredericksburg area.

Report of the Regional Advocate: Kevin Paluszak provided an update on:

- ♦ Training center in northern Virginia closing by March 2015; Kevin will have new office address and phone number
- ♦ New Commissioner began; Margaret Walsh, HR state director, will retire on July 24th
- ♦ Human Rights regulations – proposed changes posted on DBHDS website include significant revisions to the LHRC and SHRC functions and process. Regulation approval typically takes 18—24 months. Office of Human Rights continues to move toward a more proactive learning

approach rather than punitive. Goal is for training for universal interpretation of regulations across the state.

- ♦ Human Rights reporting system CHRIS update. Incidents must be reported within 24 hours and investigation complete in 10 days.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Report of Committee Members: none

Reports from FALHRC Affiliates:

Dominion Day Services:	Present; report received
Family Counseling Center for Recovery	Present; report received
Family Preservation Services:	Present; report received
Family Solutions:	Present; report received
Global Behavior Therapy Associates	Absent; report received
Heritage House:	Present; report received
Intercept	Present; report received
Lutheran Family Services	Present; report received.
National Counseling Group	Present; report received
Orlando's Place	Absent; currently not serving clients in the Fredericksburg area
PEOPLE	Present; report received
Ray of Hope	Present; report received
Restorative Youth Services	Present ; report received
Wall Residence Inc.	Present; report received

Next Meeting – July 24, 2014 at 9:30am

Adjournment of Open Session: 10:30am

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Marguerite Roche, seconded by Rachel Wright, and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of reviewing the care provided to clients of Heritage House (absent from last meeting) and Wall Residences. Upon reconvening the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session. Chair Nancy Sorrentino will send letter to Global Behavioral Therapy Associates and Orlando's Place reminding them of mandatory attendance at quarterly meetings, and requesting staff members informed about care concerns reported on quarterly reports attend next meeting.